

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

Applicant has added new claims 8-10. Claims 8-10 set forth with specificity that the valve battery cartridge includes different interchangeable insertion pieces which are selectively used for changing the function of the valve battery cartridge. The difference between the cited reference and the invention as claimed in claims 8, 9 and 10 as well as currently pending claims 5-7 is the universal character of the valve battery cartridge of the present invention. The insertion piece of the valve battery cartridge of the present invention can be used for several purposes while the solution of the cited U.S. patent can only be used for one purpose, namely, for reverting the hot and cold water inlets. The examiner's attention is drawn to Figures 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the instant application as well as the description set forth in the instant specification relative to those Figures. The advantages of the present invention is that when ordering the valve battery cartridge of the present invention the kind of insertion piece may also be given. Without this insertion piece the valve battery cartridge cannot be operated. However, in accordance with the present invention, there is the possibility to order a plurality of different types of insertion pieces in case you want to use the battery

cartridge for different functions with the different insertion pieces. Figure 4 shows the basic type of cartridge. Figure 5 the standard insertion piece. Figure 6 the pressure equalizer insertion and Figure 7 the reverting insertion.

A further difference between the cited reference and the present invention lies in the fact that the insertion piece according to the invention can be replaced without disassembling the main operating elements. According to the cited reference, the whole cartridge has to be disassembled when replacing an insertion piece for reassembling the cartridge an expert is needed and a further disadvantage of the reassembling lies in the fact that sealing of the cartridge cannot be made when reconstructed. The device of the prior art is not meant to be disassembled and reassembled using different insertion pieces which provide different functions. This particular feature of the present invention is not at all disclosed nor rendered obvious by the prior art.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would

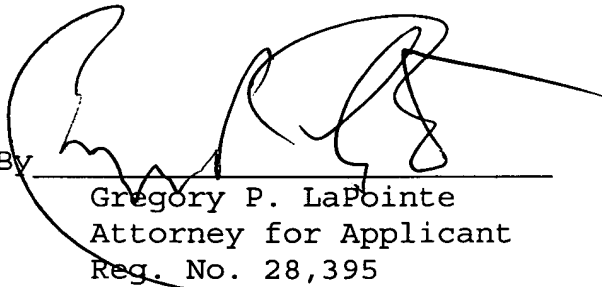
be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

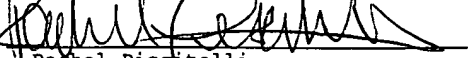
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